

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, July 6, 2005, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members:	JoAnne Kissel, Dennis Scheer and Scott Sullivan present. Third World Oforah, Michael Eckert, Gordon Scholz and Kim Todd absent.
Others:	Mark Jobman (Sinclair Hille Architects); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:21 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Notes of April 6, 2005

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting notes were not voted upon.

Streetscape Improvements Adjacent Gold's Building (11th and O Streets).

Mark Jobman of Sinclair Hille stated that they have been asked to review the current planting beds and put in some new plant materials adjacent to the Gold's Building at 11th and O Streets. The Downtown Lincoln Association and the owners are currently in negotiations. With respect to plant material, they will continue to use rose shrubs and daylilies, which are common in downtown. They will also replace at least two of the current lights with acorn lights. The two northernmost lights could be replaced and the other lights remain, as they feel the skywalk will serve as a visual divider between the two types of lights. At a minimum, they would infill the current planting beds to spruce up the downtown streetscape.

Scheer commented that if the budget allows, replacing all the lights is preferred. His opinion is that all of the lights should be replaced at the same time or wait until the budget allows for full replacement. Sullivan stated that he agrees. It was also suggested that the alignment of the lights be as similar as possible to the lights on the west side of 11th Street from O to P.

Scheer noted that he would prefer to have larger planting beds but a smaller number of them. It was recommended to pave over the narrow planting strips between the bus shelters and building, as they feel they are too small to sustain effective plant materials. They feel that plantings are not needed at this location.

Jobman stated that all of the paving will remain, as it is in good condition. Some of the benches will be replaced with the standard metal bench used in downtown. All of the trees have been reviewed and were determined to be in good condition and will remain.

Scheer commented that it is important to create a unified look and not have it look like it is pieced together.

He feels that it is very busy looking currently.

The members feel that this is an important block and appreciate the efforts to improve it.

Misc.

Zimmer stated that changes to the ordinance are being pursued as per the Neighborhood Design Standards. He noted that additional duties will be assigned to this body pursuant to the Downtown Design Guidelines. The name of this body may also be changed to Urban Design *Commission*.

He then updated the Committee on the withdrawn appeal of the Neighborhood Design Standards.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.